

Appln. No. 09/818,765
Amendment Submitted With
Request for Continued Examination

REMARKS

Claims 2-4 and 11-13 are pending in this application. Claims 2-4 were allowed, and have been revised slightly to provide Applicants with protection of scope commensurate with their invention. The subject matter deleted from claims 2-4 has been presented in new claims 11-13. Claims 2-4 remain independent.

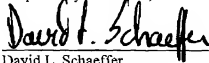
The foregoing claim changes have not been made because of any statutory reasons of unpatentability.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all outstanding rejections have been addressed and are now overcome. Applicant further submits that all claims pending in this application are patentable over the prior art. Reconsideration and withdrawal of those rejections is respectfully requested.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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